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CAMPUS | THREAT

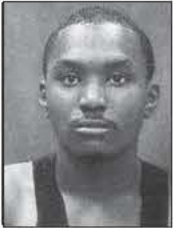
Student: Threat a misunderstanding

By KRISTINA PETERS
Editor in chief

Robert Walker has been identified as the student who allegedly posted threats against Eastern on his Facebook page.

Lt. John Hatfill of the University Police Department confirmed that Walker is the student and that he is no longer on campus.

An e-mail



ROBERT WALKER

sent out Tuesday night by President Bill Perry stated that the student was banned from campus and has returned to his hometown near Chicago.

Tuesday's e-mail was an update to faculty, staff and students from a previous e-mail Perry sent Monday night in regards to the alleged threat.

Perry said the student said the Facebook postings were not serious and a joke.

"Regardless, the campus ban with respect to the student remains in place, and the university administration, including the University Police Department, continues to

monitor the situation," Perry said in the e-mail.

Walker, a freshman family and consumer sciences major, said the status in question was "in five days things are going down."

The status was posted Thursday and Walker said it was in reference to his birthday party that was supposed to happen at the bowling alley Tuesday night.

Walker said someone who had seen his status told the Student Standards Board.

"Basically, it was a misunderstanding," he said.

Walker said he was asked to leave and that he left Saturday.

"I left on my own free will," he said.

Investigation is ongoing and the case is being referred to the Office of Student Standards for review and recommendation regarding further disciplinary action, Perry said.

"Through further investigation we have concluded that campus safety is not compromised," Perry said. "That investigation also has shown that no threats were made with respect to specific areas of campus, or specific groups, or specific individuals."

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CAMPUS | MEETING

Safety week might have difficulty passing

By BOB BAJEK
Student Government Editor

The \$900 bill for Campus Safety Week might have some difficulty passing at 7 p.m. tonight during the Student Senate meeting.

Student Senate member Brad Saribekian said some members might prolong discussion or even vote against the proposal.

This is because they dislike Student Body President Levi Bulgar.

Saribekian disagrees with the possible move for holding it up for personal reasons.

He said Campus Safety Week, which will be held April 6 to 10, is a popular event.

Bulgar has been working on having Campus Safety Week passed the last three weeks. He told the Apportionment Board at the Feb. 19 meeting that his goal is to get the weeklong event funded totally outside Student Government.

Another item on the agenda is the appointment of three Student Senate members to the Student Publication Board.

Student Senate member Chris Kromphardt said senate members Tyson Holder, Jose Alarcon and Brad Saribekian will be appointed by Tiffany Turner, student vice president for business affairs.

Kromphardt said this appointment would have been done at the beginning of the year but it was not put in the consent agenda until now.

He said the three members might question if Student Publications has budgetary problems. He pointed to *The Daily Eastern News* cutting its pages down as a possible economic concern.

"We want to see if money is an issue and if the paper should be every day," Kromphardt said.

John Ryan, director of Student Publications, said the \$4.25 student fee accounts for \$80,000 for the student publication budget.

About \$220,000 of advertising revenue comprises the majority of the remainder of the budget.

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NASHVILLE, HERE WE COME

ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS



Senior forward Rachel Galligan hugs junior forward Marie Baker after the women's basketball team defeated Tennessee Tech during the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament first round game Tuesday night in Lantz Arena. Eastern won 71-65 and will go on to play against Tennessee State in Nashville, Tenn., on Friday in the semifinals of the OVC Championship. For more women's basketball photos, log on to Dennews.com for a slideshow.

CAMPUS | FACULTY

National organization forming to protect adjuncts during crisis

By KRYSTAL MOYA
Administration Editor

Adjunct faculty rights groups are organizing to form a national voice to protect non-tenured faculty during the economic crisis.

The National Coalition for Adjunct Equity nominated two co-chairs, Deborah Louis and Maria Maisto, and is focusing on increasing membership since its teleconference on Feb. 22 to garner support for a national organization on behalf of contin-

gent staff conditions.

"Current economic conditions have made adjunct faculty even more vulnerable than usual," Louis said.

"We believe it is imperative that a national organization dedicated only to contingent faculty be formed to educate the public about the need for just and equitable treatment of what is now 70 percent of the teaching faculty nationally," Louis added.

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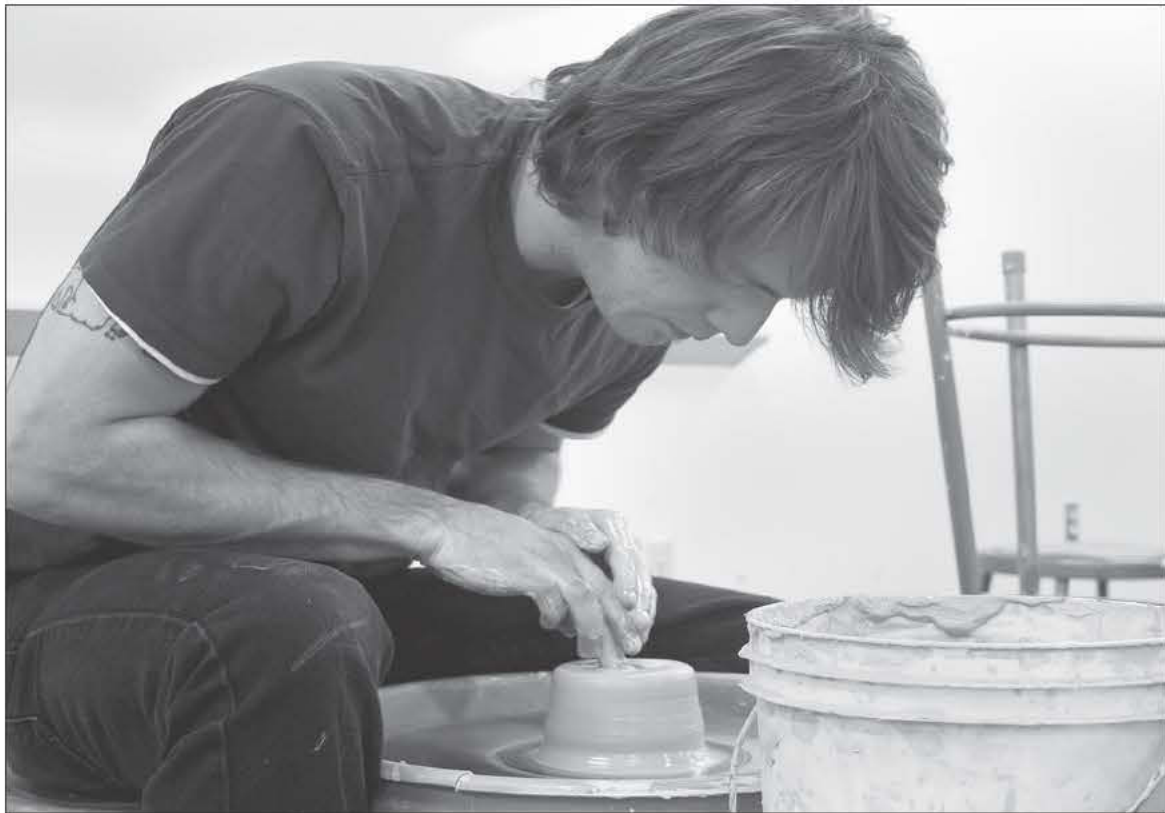
— Deborah Louis, co-chair of The National Coalition for Adjunct Equity

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

A wheel of possibilities



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior art major Brandon Schawel uses a pottery wheel Tuesday night to create a piece of pottery in the ceramics studio of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Schawel, a student in the Ceramics 2 class, said projects for the class range from traditional to abstract pieces, but that he likes to mix aspects of both in his work.

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Oprah receives leadership award

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Media mogul Oprah Winfrey has received a leadership award from Columbia University.

University officials say the talk show host received the 2009 Klingenstein Leadership Award Friday for her philanthropy in education and promotion of reading.

The award is given by The Klingenstein Center for Independent School Leadership. The center says Oprah's Angel Network has helped open 60 schools in 13 countries while her foundation has awarded hundreds of grants and scholarships. In 2007, Winfrey opened the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa.

The center said its director presented the award to Winfrey in Chicago.

Bon Jovi book to be released in the fall

NEW YORK — Bon Jovi is ready to spill.

The multiplatinum rockers are marking their 25th anniversary with "Bon Jovi: When We Were Beautiful," an "insider portrait" that includes previously unpublished photographs and text by the band members.

"The book offers unprecedented insights into the members' lives on stage, on the road, and at home, as well as intimate reflections on the highs and lows of their 25 years together," according to a statement by publisher HarperCollins.

The book comes out next fall, when a documentary of the same name is released.

Sharon Osbourne sued over 'Charm School' fracas

LOS ANGELES — A former contestant on Sharon Osbourne's "Rock of Love Charm School" has sued over an altercation with Osbourne during an episode of the VH1 show.

Megan Hauserman's suit filed Monday in Los Angeles claims battery, negligence and intentional in-

fliction of emotional distress. She seeks a jury trial and punitive damages. The December incident can be seen on VH1's Web site billed as "Sharon and Megan's big fight." In the video, the women exchange insults, Osbourne pours a drink on Hauserman and then the two are surrounded by a rush of people.

The suit claims Osbourne hit Hauserman, pulled her hair and scratched her.

'The Bachelor' dumps fiancée for runner-up

NEW YORK — "The Bachelor" had a change of heart, leaving his fiancée in a lurch and viewers up in arms.

Jason Mesnick, a 32-year-old single dad, proposed to Melissa Rycroft in Monday night's season finale of the ABC reality dating show. But in the subsequent "After the Final Rose" special, taped six weeks after Mesnick's proposal, he told Rycroft he was dumping her because he still had feelings for the runner-up, Molly Malaney.

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Woman calls 911 three times about McNuggets

The Associated Press

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Authorities say a Florida woman called 911 three times after McDonald's employees told her they were out of Chicken McNuggets.

According to a police report, 27-year-old Fort Pierce resident Latreasa L. Goodman told authorities she paid for a 10-piece last week but was later informed the restaurant had run out. She said employees refused to give her a refund, saying all sales were final. A cashier told police she offered Goodman a larger portion of different food for the same price. Police said Goodman was cited on a misuse of 911 charge.

McGruff the crime dog roughed up

WASHINGTON — A bus driver thought it would be funny to take the bite out of McGruff the crime dog by punching the mascot, but police said children who witnessed the stunt were horrified.

Metro bus driver Shawn Brim, 38, climbed off a bus, adjusted his side view mirrors and then punched officer Tyrone Hardy, who was handing fliers to children on a Washington street while dressed as the crime dog, police said.

After the punch, Brim got back on the bus and drove away, but was quickly pulled over Saturday.

Brim was charged with simple assault.

CITY | MEETING

Council approves 9 TIF grants

Businesses will receive loans, grants for restoration

BY JOE ASTROUSKI
City Editor

The Charleston City Council approved nine grants to businesses in the downtown tax increment financing district Tuesday.

The TIF district, which the city established in 1987, is designed to spur development around the courthouse square.

Under TIF, any increased property tax revenue in the district goes into a special fund that is used to give loans and grants to help businesses improve their properties.

"All of (the grants) have to do with repairs and upgrades they are making to their businesses," said Mayor John Inyart.

Those upgrades range from brick tuck-pointing for the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce building at 501 Jackson Ave. to power washing the Ealy's Real Estate building at 700 Jackson Ave.

Under the grants approved by the council, business owners must pay for much of the upgrade costs.

"In all cases, these people are providing matching funds and, in some cases, they are providing more than matching funds," Inyart said.

The grants could amount to as much as \$62,600.

In the coming weeks, the City Council will vote on over 20 separate TIF grants, which Inyart said will cost the city roughly \$250,000.

The planned upgrades will



KARLA BROWNING | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mayor John Inyart discusses the series of grants that were approved to businesses in the city's tax increment finance district Tuesday evening at the City Council Meeting.

"All of (the grants) have to do with repairs and upgrades they are making to their businesses."

— Mayor John Inyart

cost businesses and the city about \$650,000 in total.

The council also voted to buy a \$60,000 control panel for a sewage pump station near Reynolds Drive.

Pump stations lift sewage so it can flow downhill through sewage pipes to the city's wastewater treatment plant.

The current control panel has broken down several times over

the past year, Inyart said.

Although city workers discovered the malfunctions in time, such breakdowns could cause sewage to back up and leak out of the sewer system and into the ground, Inyart said.

City Manager Scott Smith said the new control panel will better fit with the city's sewer system.

"This piece of equipment will work with...our new communications equipment," Smith said.

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CAMPUS | WORKSHOPS

Useful tools to improve writing available to students

From brainstorming to proofreading, Writing Center offers its assistance

BY JENNIFER BROWN
Staff Reporter

The Writing Center at Eastern is presenting a series of workshops in March and April to help students with their research papers.

The themes of these workshops will revolve around the areas of proofreading, citations and writing drafts.

Tim Taylor, director of the Writing Center, encourages students to bring in their first drafts of their paper before the due dates.

"We're open to help student writers at any stage of the writing process, from brainstorming to the finishing stages," he said.

"Drafting Strategies," which will be the first workshop on at 4 p.m. Monday, is aimed towards improving writing of students.

The workshop is designed to give students an outlook of the first draft, and these strategies may be used in future writing projects.

"We will talk with students about how to organize their papers, focus on paragraph unity, effective transition/internal cohesion with paragraphs, sentence level clarity,



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bridget Sanchez, a freshman family and consumer sciences major, works on an assignment for her English class Tuesday night in the Writing Center in Coleman Hall. The Writing Center provides one-on-one consultations for students of all majors who need help with writing assignments.

precision and emphasis, and organization of ideas and support," said Ashok Bhusal, graduate assistant and consultant for the Writing Center.

The follow up workshop, "Final Draft and Proofreading Strategies," will take place in the writing center at 4 p.m. March 30.

The workshop will also be taught by Bhusal and will focus on the strategies of preparing a final draft for its final stages.

While it's not required students

attend "Drafting Strategies," they are encouraged by Bhusal to bring in their assignments that need revisions.

"Give your time to revise — running a spell check doesn't count as revision," he said.

At 3:30 p.m. March 11, Mary Lieske, graduate assistant and consultant for the Writing Center, is hosting the working "Preparing for Spring Break: Don't Forget to Write!"

Since most students don't

write over spring break, Lieske has designed a writing plan to accomplish this task.

The workshop will focus on planning a paper and encouraging students to pre-write their first drafts.

"Have some sort of plan for working on the papers that are due at the end of the semester over the break," Lieske said. "It doesn't have to be detailed — even something as simple as saying you will work for an hour each day on one of your papers is better than doing nothing at all."

Students should bring questions related to these workshops and can make follow-up appointments in the Writing Center.

The Writing Center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays.

It is located in 3110 Coleman Hall.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Opportunity to purchase textbooks now available

The textbooks issued to students may be purchased during regular business hours from now through March 31 at Textbook Rental Service.

Textbook Rental's hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bring textbooks at time of sale. No other opportunity will be available to purchase books this term.

For more information, contact Textbook Rental at 581-3626 or visit www.eiu.edu/~textbks/.

Job fair opportunities for education majors

Representatives from school districts across the U.S. will be on campus for the Mid-America Educators' Job Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Some overseas teaching opportunities may also be available.

Current students, faculty and alumni are invited to attend.

Attendees should dress professionally and bring resumes.

To learn more, visit www.eiu.edu/~careers/students/ed_fair.php.

Deadline here for Prowl leader applications

The Prowl Programs is seeking 50 student leaders to be Prowl Leaders. Prowl Leaders guide and lead new students through their first weeks at Eastern.

Applications are due today at Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Room 1715. Additional information is available at www.eiu.edu/~nsp/pleaderapp.php.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

An upperclass parking permit was reported stolen from a vehicle at an unknown location on Tuesday, said the University Police Department

Rafeon Young, 25, of Charleston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, blood alcohol content more than 0.08 and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams after a 12:42 a.m. Friday arrest 18th Street and Garfield Avenue, police said.

Louis Johnson, 22, of Chicago, was charged with possession of less than 30 grams cannabis after an 11:46 p.m. Friday arrest near the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, police said.

CORRECTION

On page 12 of Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, a men's basketball player was misidentified. The men's basketball player is freshman guard Jeremy Granger.

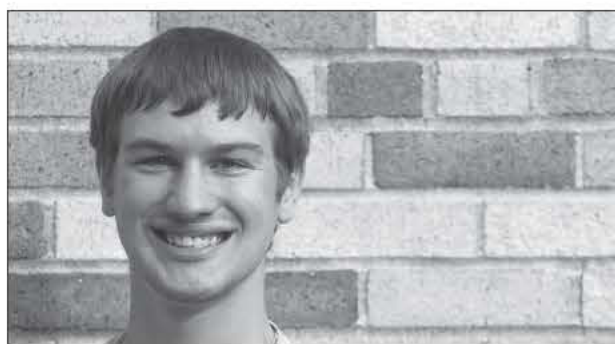
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Rush Limbaugh
is simply a voice

Rush Limbaugh's name has been in the news quite a bit lately, mainly in regards to the Republican resistance against President Obama's policies and the recent economic stimulus bill. Within his first week in office, President Obama told congressional Republicans, "You can't just listen to Rush Limbaugh and get things done."

Since then, Obama's staff and liberals alike have begun to equate Limbaugh as the leader of the Republican Party, with liberal groups using Limbaugh's "I hope he fails!" statement about President Obama as reasoning for people to pressure their Republican congressmen into voting for the economic stimulus bill. The issue came to a head this past weekend when CNN's D.L. Hughley declared in a question to Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele that Limbaugh was the "de facto leader of the Republican Party." Steele shot back that Limbaugh was merely an entertainer and not the leader of the GOP, maintaining that he himself was the true "de facto leader" of the Republican Party, and in this regard he is correct.

The truth is, Limbaugh really is not a part of the Republican Party. Following the November election, Limbaugh has repeatedly stated reasons "why (he is) not a Republican," following with an explanation of what he believes is wrong with the current Republican Party. In response to the comments by Steele, Limbaugh said, "I would be embarrassed to say that I'm in charge of the Republican Party in the sad-sack state that it's in...I would quit."

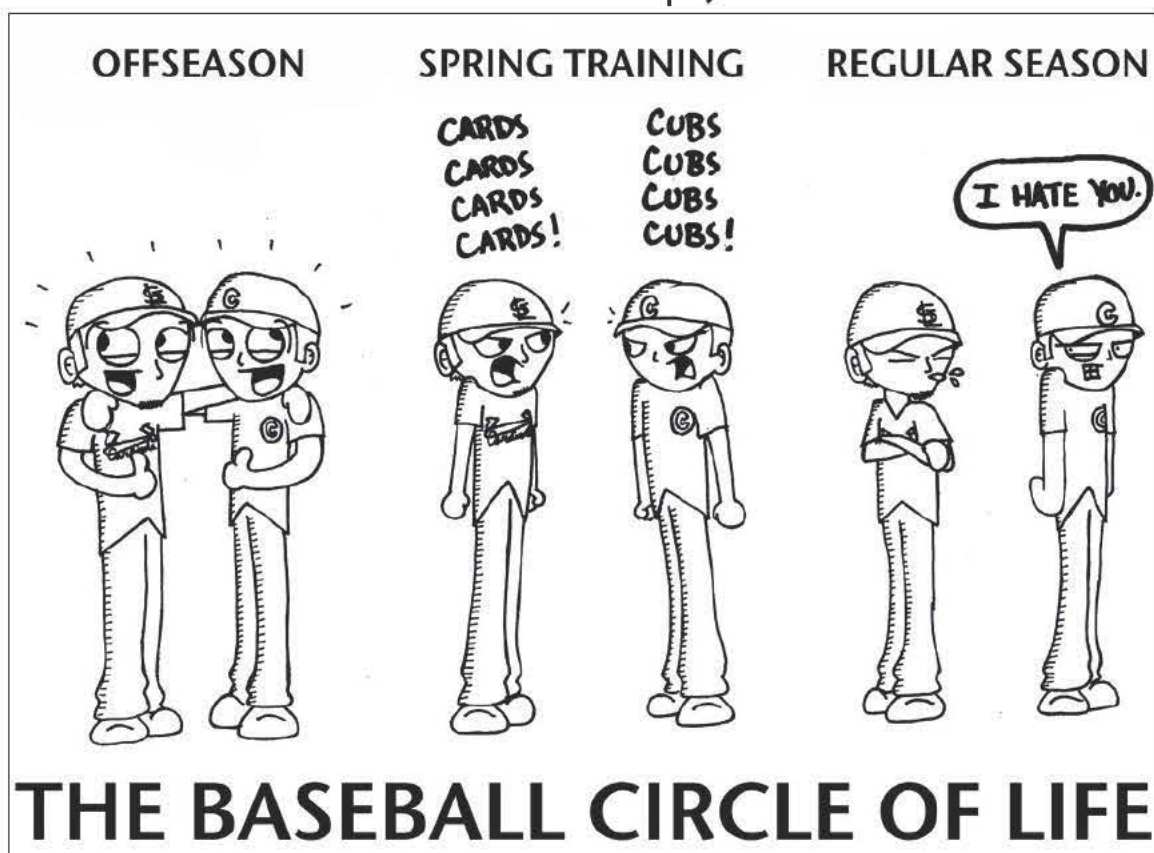
In reality, the national Republican Party is in trouble. With constant calls to be bipartisan and reach out to moderates and ethnic groups who generally vote for Democrats, Republicans have diluted their traditional stances and policies on government and economics in an effort to become more acceptable to all. Gee, that really worked in the last two elections, did it not?

Following the disaster of this past election, the group that brought the Republican Party into the modern political age has been considering what went wrong and what can be fixed: conservatives. Rush Limbaugh has been at the forefront of this assessment, giving the headline speech at this past weekend's Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, D.C., where he spelled out his problems with President Obama and liberals and called conservatives into action. Limbaugh is simply the loudest voice out of many conservatives who are speaking out against President Obama's policies, Democratic efforts and the political kowtowing being committed by the national GOP. And truthfully, many conservatives are standing behind him in agreement.

While Limbaugh can be a bit brash and "incendiary" as Steele put it, many share the conservative values he adamantly defends. We conservatives do acknowledge the economic crisis we are in, along with the other problems our country faces. However, what we do not want is a larger government that controls much of the private sector and does not act within the bounds of the Constitution. That is what we conservatives fear the most, and for us, Limbaugh is one of the best resources about how to fight this fear.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Steele's apology is evidence
of cowardice, bipartisanship

In Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the editorial board praised Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele for taking a stand and criticizing conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh during an interview Sunday night on CNN.

At the time, it seemed Steele was taking some initiative by speaking out against Limbaugh, who is often referred to as "the voice of the Republican Party."

Tuesday's editorial called for Steele to stand by his comments and show some backbone, which has been missing from the Republican Party for some time.

It's too bad that was not the case.

On Monday's edition of "The Rush Limbaugh Show," Limbaugh blasted Steele for "taking the bait," claiming although Steele is head of the Republican National Committee, he is not head of the Republican Party.

After the show, Steele contacted Limbaugh via telephone and apologized for the comments he had made.

"I went back at that tape, and I realized words that I said weren't what I was thinking," Steele said in a telephone interview with *Politico*. "It was one of those things where I thinking I was saying one thing, and it came out differently. What I was trying to say was a lot of people... want to make Rush the scapegoat, the bogeyman, and he's not."

And so, once again, we have another Republican bowing down to a radio host who in the past has made outrageous, inflammatory remarks aimed to enrage and put down those whose views differ from his.

Steele's apology is even more disturbing given Limbaugh's views on the current administration.

In January, Limbaugh notoriously said he hoped that President Barack Obama would fail. A media frenzy ensued, causing Limbaugh to address the issue in a speech broadcast on CNN and Fox News. According to Limbaugh, he meant he hoped Obama's policies would fail, not the man himself, which of

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— RNC Chairman Michael Steele

course absolves the problem, because as long as Obama's policies — not Obama himself — send the nation into an even deeper hole than before, then it would be the perfect time for the Republicans to swoop in and save whatever is left.

Fast-forward to March: We now have the head of the Republican National Committee saying he has "immense respect" for Limbaugh and holds him in high regards.

Let's reiterate: Limbaugh wants the Obama administration to fail. A high-ranking Republican government official supports him.

It seems strange that a government official would suddenly be on the side that denounces the head of state, but like all things in America, it is politically motivated.

Conservatives may fight with conservatives and liberals may fight with liberals, but in the end, they'll both wind up united within the scope of their own ideologies and will go back to ignoring the other side.

Nobody will take responsibility for those who make a bad name for themselves, because if they do, suddenly they're made out to cause derision in their own political party regardless of their efforts to improve it.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The editorial is the majority opinion of *The DEN* editorial board. Reach the opinions editor at: DENopinions@gmail.com.

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOUGING AT THE PUMP

It was brought to my attention during my drive home over the past weekend that Charleston gas prices were inflated more than 18 cents when compared to Mattoon and my hometown in Cook County.

I filled up believing this town's gas prices would in fact be the same or cheaper than the BP right off of Inter-

state 57.

I paid \$1.95 locally, and when I reached the highway, prices were \$1.77.

My home county has one of the highest taxes in the nation.

Cook County prices were the exact same price as Charleston's prices.

These local businesses preach to keep spending local and to support your town.

All the area gas stations are taking advantage of the population.

They are gouging prices, yet they need us to stay in business!

I for one, am outraged by these stations and what I have uncovered.

Think twice next time you fill up locally.

Daniel Anderson
Senior physical education major

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» Safety Week

FROM PAGE 1

Ryan said all college dailies in the state are down 18 to 25 percent in revenue. However, ads continue to remain a steady income for daily publications.

"If we cut a day of publication, we would be cutting revenue and hurting ourselves," Ryan said.

In other business, the Elections Commission has received corrections to election guidelines.

The most significant is excluding executives of the Residence Hall Association and the Black Student Union from being a member of the Elections Commission.

Members of either the Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Council would also be excluded.

"I'm wondering why these specific groups were chosen," Kromphardt said. "I'm going to ask the authors at the meeting for their rationale in choosing these groups."

Saribekian said the three groups chosen were to prevent large, organizational influence to exploit elections.

Kromphardt said Alarcon wrote a senate resolution about sending out a disability survey in order to better represent this segment of the student body.

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FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

On Sept. 27, 2006, then Freshman chemistry major Leslie Godwin, of Lawson Hall, uses her cell phone to light the base of a burned out lamppost near the Biological Sciences building while on the safety week walk.

» Adjuncts

FROM PAGE 1

Adjunct faculty represent over 800,000 people in education, over two-thirds of educators in the US, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The group is more than 14 members. Groups that advocate for adjunct faculty rights, and wants to continue its growth to create a "predominant voice and national presence" for faculty that are "constantly underrepresented," Louis said.

The coalition explained in a press release that it wants to represent the "extensive" group collectively instead of through separate contingencies like unions and smaller rights groups. Louis said the goal is "empowering the adjuncts who represent the largest, least visible, and most vulnerable proportion of (educational) ranks."

She said that unions and smaller groups have been effective on an individual level in some cases but don't represent the group as a whole, which is too large not to be.

However, the coalition is still in its preliminary stages. Procedural and structural options, a mission statement, communications and membership need to be figured and increased in order to "really be effective," Louis said.

In a press release on Tuesday, Maisto and Louis explained they and subcommittees are forming a strong foundation quickly because of the time stress of the economy.

Pay and job security are trend

"There is just too many new adjunct faculty and too much growth in this variety of educator to let an idea of national unity go."

— Deborah Louis, co-chair of The National Coalition for Adjunct Equity

issues that need to be addressed and protected at the times of risk, Maisto said. Maisto and Louis said that studies conducted by educational research groups have pointed to a continuance of the trend – increasing adjunct use and decreasing tenure-track faculty. Because of this, there is a need to nationalize protection efforts of the group.

"There is just too many new adjunct faculty and too much growth in this variety of educator to let an idea of national unity go," Louis said.

Information as to when the group will have a Web site and begin action is not solidified. The group is also deciding on a new name, rather than the working title. Further information should be released "soon," Maisto and Louis wrote.

Krystal Moya can be reached at 581-7942 or at ksmoya@eiu.edu.

» Threat

FROM PAGE 1

Hatfill said he had a meeting with the athletic department Tuesday morning to discuss security for the OVC tournaments Tuesday night in

which Walker's name was mentioned.

"That was not the sole purpose of the meeting," Hatfill said of the mention of Walker.

Flyers with Walker's picture were posted in athletics saying Walker was banned from campus, and if seen, contact the UPD.

Hatfill said the situation is under control.

"We don't perceive (Walker) to be an immediate threat to the games (Tuesday night) and to campus," Hatfill said.

Mark Bonnstetter, associate director of operations and head athletic

trainer, said Walker was a student worker at athletic events.

Hatfill said the university found out about the messages over the weekend.

"We were on top of the situation early," he said.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said an investigation is ongoing.

"Eastern Illinois University treats these matters in a very serious fashion," Nadler said.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Avant-garde poet to give reading

Ann Waldman, who has published more than 40 books of poems, to read her work

Staff Report

Ann Waldman, whose poetry is often associated with Beat poets or the avant-garde, will perform at 6 p.m. today in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Waldman co-founded the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics at Naropa University with Allen Ginsberg.

Waldman is also a professor of poetics at Naropa University, a private American liberal arts university located in Boulder, Colo.

Waldman has published more than 40 books of poetry.

Her works include "Fast Speaking Woman" published in 1974, "Marriage: A Sentence" published in 2000 and "In the Room

WANT TO GO?

- Who: Beat poet Ann Waldman
- What: Poetry reading
- When: 6 p.m. today
- Where: The Lecture Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center
- Fee: Admission is free and open to the public

of Never Grieve: New and Selected Poems from 1985-2003" published in 2003.

Waldman has also produced spoken-word CDs, most recently releasing "Matching Half" with Akilah Oliver and Ambrose Bye in 2007.

Oliver and Bye are also poets.

She has also produced films such as "Eyes in All Head," which came out in 1989 and "Uh-oh Plutonium," which came out in 1982.

Admission for the poetry reading is free and open to the public.

STATE | GOVERNMENT

Senator survives Blagojevich furor

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Roland Burris seems to have weathered the storm.

Fellow Democrats are no longer demanding his resignation. The new Illinois governor has stopped calling for a special election to replace him. And party leaders who control the Senate and Illinois Legislature are reluctant to risk losing his seat to Republicans.

"He's not going to go anywhere. I'm convinced of that," said congressman Phil Hare, one of the first Illinois Democrats to call for Burris to step down.

Burris has been under intense scrutiny because of the circumstances of his appointment by disgraced former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and for changing his story about it multiple times.

But Burris has refused even to discuss resignation, showing some of the same defiance displayed by Blagojevich.

The fledgling senator has endured in part by clamping up and letting supporters portray the issue in racial

terms.

A Burris strategist has encouraged black leaders to rally around the only black member of the Senate. The group has made clear that white Illinois politicians will pay a price for trying to oust Burris, who is serving the remainder of Barack Obama's term, which runs through 2010.

"We're strong in our position because we want Roland Burris to remain in this seat until this term is over," Chicago Alderman Ed Smith said after meeting with the Illinois governor this week.

The approach seems to be working. Gov. Pat Quinn dropped his call for rewriting state law to remove Burris. State legislative leaders have put the issue on the back burner. Senate leaders want to change the subject.

"We really ought to switch channels here to something that people really care about," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate.

That's quite a switch from just a few weeks ago, when Burris' political life seemed to be hanging by a

thread.

Durbin, along with other politicians from both parties, had urged Burris to resign. The Senate ethics committee began looking into his conduct. Newspaper editorials called on him to step down or be replaced.

Some Illinois lawmakers, joined briefly by Quinn, proposed legislation to end Burris' temporary appointment to the Senate and pick a replacement through a special election — a move that would have guaranteed painful legal and political battles.

But the fact is, there's little way to force out a senator who has decided to stay. Just look at Larry Craig of Idaho, who refused to resign after being accused of soliciting sex in an airport bathroom, or David Vitter of Louisiana, who is still in office despite his name appearing in the phone records of a Washington prostitute.

Even if the Senate Ethics Committee were to find something damaging, there's no realistic chance the Senate would expel him — that has not happened since the Civil War.

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NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Earmarks in \$410 billion bill approved by Senate

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted overwhelmingly to preserve thousands of earmarks in a \$410 billion spending bill on Tuesday, brushing aside Sen. John McCain's claim that President Barack Obama and Congress are merely conducting business as usual in a time of economic hardship.

McCain's attempt to strip out an estimated 8,500 earmarks failed on a vote of 63-32. The Arizona senator's proposal also would have cut roughly \$32 billion from the measure and kept spending at last year's levels in several federal agencies.

The White House has said that Obama intends to sign the legislation, casting it as leftover business from 2008. Spokesman Robert Gibbs pledged on Monday the White House will issue new guidelines covering earmarks for future bills.

Governor says auto industry needs help

WASHINGTON — Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm told an Obama administration auto industry task force on Tuesday that struggling U.S. automakers and parts suppliers are interlinked and crucial to her state's economy.

Granholm, a Democrat, urged the panel to help General Motors Corp., Chrysler LLC and auto suppliers emerge from an economic recession and a steep drop in car sales. Granholm stressed the "importance of looking at the entire industry," including carmakers and suppliers, but said the task force was supportive of their plight.

"They made it really clear that they believe it's important to have a viable auto industry," she told The Associated Press.

Granholm's state has been hard hit by the decline of General Motors and Chrysler, which have received \$17.4 billion in federal loans to stay afloat, and dozens of suppliers teetering on the brink of failure.

NATION | FINANCING

\$200 billion program launched Tuesday to spur consumer loans

WASHINGTON — The government launched a much-awaited program Tuesday to spur lending for autos, education, credit cards and other consumer loans by providing up to \$200 billion in financing to investors to buy up the debt.

If the program succeeds, it should help bust through the credit clogs in place since last year and make it easier for Americans to finance large and small purchases at lower rates, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress. That, in turn, would help revive the economy, he said.

Created by the Fed and the Treasury Department, the program has the potential to generate up to \$1 trillion of lending for businesses and households, the government said. It will be expanded to include commercial real estate, though that won't be part of the initial rollout.

"There's a looming crisis in commercial real estate whereby owners of shopping malls, hotels, rental properties and many other types of buildings are unable to refinance or to pay for new construction because the

(commercial) securitization market is completely shut down," Bernanke said during an appearance before the Senate Budget Committee.

The program will start off by providing \$200 billion in loans to investors with the goal of jump-starting lending to consumers and small businesses.

The program, dubbed the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility, was first announced late last year and originally was scheduled to start in February.

Participants — companies and investors that pledge eligible collateral to back the loan — must request the new government loans by March 17. The Fed will provide the three-year loans on March 25.

"We should see immediate benefits to students, to credit cards, to small businesses, to consumer loans," Bernanke told lawmakers.

Under the program, the Fed will buy securities backed by different types of debt, including credit card, auto, student and small business loans. The credit crunch — the worst

since the 1930s — has made it much harder for people to obtain such financing, and those that do can be socked with high rates.

Before the financial crisis, banks relied on packaging such loans into securities and selling them to pay for additional lending.

That process had financed about 25 percent of consumer loans in recent years until the credit markets ground to a halt in October, the government said.

Anil Kashyap, a professor at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business, said the program should make it easier for consumers to get loans. But he cautioned that the Fed's involvement in this area could have unintended consequences elsewhere by making other debt securities not backed by the government less attractive to investors.

"We'd really rather the credit markets just work properly," Kashyap said.

The Fed plans to keep the program running through December, but said it could be extended.

NATION | TAXES

Top Obama officials defend tax hikes

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's call to raise taxes on high earners and greenhouse gas polluters met fierce opposition Tuesday from congressional Republicans and also a few Democrats.

"I would never want to adversely affect anything that is charitable or good," Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said of Obama's call to limit high-income taxpayers' itemized deductions for charitable donations and mortgage interest.

Republicans said the president's plan to charge fees to industries that spew greenhouse gases amounts to a stealthy tax increase for all Americans that will far exceed the new \$400 annual tax cut for workers that he wants to extend beyond 2010.

"The president's budget increases

taxes on every American, and does so during a recession," said Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, the top Republican on the Ways and Means Committee.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner argued that the Obama proposal would reduce taxes for most Americans. Any increases, he said, wouldn't occur until 2011, when the economy is "safely into recovery."

Geithner said Obama's plan would cut income taxes for 95 percent of families and 97 percent of small businesses.

Raising taxes on couples that make more than \$250,000 would make the tax system more equitable, restoring the balance that existed before a series of tax cuts were enacted under former President George W. Bush, he said.

"This budget targets tax relief to

families that have lost ground the past eight years," Geithner said.

Geithner and White House Budget Director Peter Orszag testified at separate congressional hearings Tuesday, giving lawmakers their first opportunity to publicly question administration officials about Obama's spending plan.

Questioning was pretty much along party lines. Democrats for the most part praised Obama's proposal.

"It is making the tax code more fair," Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., told Geithner.

But the Treasury secretary acknowledged that consumers could face higher electric bills because Obama would impose fees on greenhouse gas producers, including power plants that burn fossil fuels, by auctioning off carbon pollution permits.

WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Suspected militants attack cricket team

LAHORE, Pakistan — A team of heavily armed gunmen, some traveling in rickshaws, ambushed Sri Lanka's national cricket team Tuesday as it arrived for a match, killing six police guards and wounding seven players. The brazen attack heightened fears that Pakistan is becoming increasingly unstable.

The assault bore striking similarities to last year's three-day hostage drama in the Indian financial capital of Mumbai.

Working in pairs, the attackers in Lahore carried walkie-talkies and backpacks stuffed with water, dried fruit and other high-energy food — a sign they anticipated a protracted siege and may have been planning to take the players hostage.

Man accused of bus beheading apologizes

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — A man accused of beheading and cannibalizing a passenger on a Greyhound bus apologized to police when he was arrested and begged officers to kill him. The details emerged Tuesday as Vince Li started his murder trial by pleading not guilty.

"I'm sorry. I'm guilty. Please kill me," Li said, according to an agreed statement of facts read in court.

The Chinese immigrant is accused of the second-degree murder last summer of Tim McLean, a 22-year-old carnival worker who was killed in what passengers described as a random, horrific attack.

Li's lawyers are not disputing that he killed McLean, but they will argue Li was mentally ill and not criminally responsible. A psychiatrist told the court Li is schizophrenic and believed God told him to do it.

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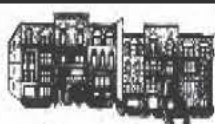
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FROM PAGE 12

This weekend we saw the men's and women's track and field programs back at the spot that they belong, on top of the Ohio Valley Conference in men's and women's track.

After last season when each team failed to win any team title (both indoor and outdoor), the men's team catapulted to first on the legs of senior runner David Holm and red-shirt freshman sprinter Zye Boey catapulted Eastern past all OVC foes.

Not only did Holm and Boey run past opponents all season but they were among the best in the entire nation with times that rival Big Ten, Southeastern Conference or the Big East foes.

On the women's side, junior thrower Kandace Arnold and senior sprinter Chandra Golden were top in the OVC anchoring the women's team to its second conference title in three years.

Tuesday night, both the men's and women's basketball teams were in postseason action.

Lantz Arena was draped in blue as students, parents, faculty and community cheered the women on with every possession, every charge and every basket.

For the second consecutive season, the women's team advanced to

the OVC Tournament semifinals with a 71-65 win against Tennessee Tech.

The women's team was pushed to the brink, but like they have done all season long, held on to win the game behind strong senior leadership and a boisterous Lantz Arena crowd.

They boast the school's all-time leading scorer in Rachael Galligan and as No. 2 seed in the OVC, they are one of the favorites to cut down the nets on Saturday.

The men's basketball team fell to Austin Peay on the road Thursday, but gave the No. 2 seeded team in the conference tournament all they could handle.

Eastern, the No. 7 seed, had not won a game in Clarksville, Tenn., since 1998, but the Panthers looked like the favorite for most of the game.

When the Govs pushed, the Panthers pushed back.

In the end, they were unable to get the victory, but gave the Governors a scare of a lifetime in a game they thought would be a pit stop on the way to Nashville.

Panther athletes showed something to the rest of the conference this week.

Whether they were former champions, the favorite or the underdog – Panther athletes came to play.

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Austin Peay (18-12) scrapped its way back into the game and cut the lead to 52-51 with 3:45 remaining in the game. The Panthers' full court pressure defense gave Austin Peay fits in the first half as they went 10-29 (35.6 percent) from the field as Eastern forced six steals in the game.

"Defensively, I thought we played as well as we could play," Miller said. "I think as far as executing the game-

plan and doing what we wanted to do, we did as good as we can."

Reed, the Govs' leading scorer, had dominated the Panthers in the two teams' previous games this season scoring 38 and 28 points respectively, but Eastern kept on eye on him double and triple teaming him throughout the game.

Reed was held to just 16 points, but did have five assists in the victory. Martin led the way for the Panthers with 20 points. All 10 Panthers who played scored at least two points for Eastern.

With the loss, the season is done for the team. The Panthers finished with a 12-18 record, with the 12 wins tying the 2004-05 team. This was the first conference tournament appearance for the team since that season. The team will return 12 players next year. Parrish finished his Eastern career with 10 points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal in his first ever OVC Tournament game.

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"They were leaving me wide open in the end, but I hadn't been making them," Kluempers said. "I shot it and thought it was good, but thought 'come on, come on, go in,' and it bounced once and went in. It made me feel really good. It was really exciting."

The game was Kluempers' 119th of her career, setting a school record that had stood since 1990.

Lyons led the Golden Eagles with 17 points, including 12 in the second half to key Tech's run. Bowens had 15.

The full-court press of the Golden Eagles gave Eastern (23-8) problems throughout the second half, as Tech forced 20 Panther turnovers. While Saltee acknowledged that the press gave them problems at times, he was pleased that his team pulled it together in the end.

"I think what you saw was we got a little sloppy with the basketball," he said. "We cracked a little against their press and when they saw that, they fed off of that and they amped it up and kept pushing."

Galligan, who was honored for becoming Eastern's all-time leading scorer before the game, continued her dominant ways, finishing with 25 points on 7-of-8 shooting.

The Panthers advance to the semis of the OVC Tournament for the second consecutive year, where they will face a Lady Tigers (18-12) squad that they played in Nashville

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— Lindsey Kluempers, Eastern senior forward on the women's basketball team

only four days ago. The Lady Tigers, a No. 3 seed, defeated the No. 6 seed, Southeast Missouri 77-66 in Nashville in another first round game on Tuesday night.

The winner of that game will face either No. 1 seed Murray State or No. 5 seed Austin Peay in the OVC Championship game, where the winner advances to the NCAA Tournament.

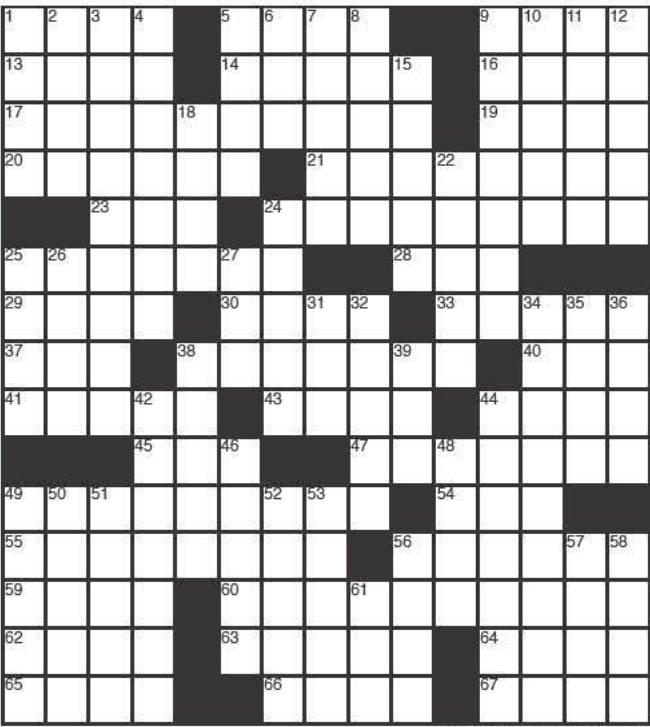
The Panthers lost to Murray State in the title game last season.

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 - 5 Record store section
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 - 14 Big name in briefs
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 - 17 Robin Hood's love
 - 19 Like some telegrams
 - 20 Identified
 - 21 Frolicking
 - 23 Blanc who voiced Porky Pig
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 - 33 Parade honoree, familiarly
 - 37 Ring around the collar?
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- 26 It may be D.C.
- 27 Prefix with center
- 31 Way back when
- 32 Wrap in a roll
- 34 "Layla" has one
- 35 Totally wowed
- 36 Deep-six
- 38 "The Sound of Music" family name
- 39 Copy cats?
- 42 Like a ghostwriter
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- 48 Rock's Lofgren
- 49 Molded fare
- 50 Eskimo boat
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Eastern senior guard Ellen Canale defends Tennessee Tech senior guard Blair Bowens on Tuesday night in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat the Golden Eagles 71-65 to advance to the semifinals of the league tournament.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ANALYSIS

Work left to do

Team acknowledges problems to fix

By **COLLIN WHITCHURCH**
Assistant Sports Editor

Jubilation and a deep breath.

After Tuesday night's 71-65 victory against Tennessee Tech, Eastern women's basketball players leapt in the air and celebrated with one another as members of the Blue Crew flocked the court to join in the victory celebration.

But the hugs and congratulations seemed to come more out of relief than in celebratory fashion. The Panthers had outlasted a team they had defeated handily in Lantz Arena on Jan. 29 – winning by 20 – and after the victory senior forward Rachel Galligan acknowledged that there are things the team needs to work on in preparation for the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament semifinals on Friday.

“(Tennessee State) is going to give us a lot of pressure, and we’re going to need to handle it both on the press and in the half-court,” Galligan said. “We need to not turn the ball over as much, and the same goes for rebounding. They crash the boards a lot, and we need to not get beat on the boards.”

The Panthers committed 20 turnovers in the victory, 11 of which came in the second half against a physical, Tennessee Tech full-court press.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee was pleased with most of the numbers his team put up in the victory. They shot 56 percent from the field, had 24 assists for their 26 total field goals and won the rebound battle 32-30. But he was not pleased with the number of turnovers.

Sallee said after the game that while it's tough to work on any specific thing this late in the season, there are some areas of concern that will be focused on in practice.

“(Wednesday) will be a lot of preparation, getting ready to TSU,” he said. “We will definitely come out and talk about some things against the press.”

Tuesday's victory moved the Panthers one step closer to their goal of an NCAA Tournament appearance, and a victory Friday against Tennessee State will put them in the tournament finals for the second time in school history, with their first appearance coming last season.

But it was clear the Panthers did not want to worry about the Lady Tigers just yet. They were focused on celebrating a big, important victory in their quest for a tournament title, and the victory came in the team's final game in Lantz Arena this season.

So while the team knows there is still work left to do in order to achieve their ultimate goal, Tuesday was a night of relief.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Softball hosts home opener against Indiana State

The Eastern softball team (8-4) will play its first home game today.

The Panthers will play Indiana State at 4 p.m. today at Williams Field.

The Panthers are coming off a 1-2 win showing at the Kennesaw State Classic.

Eastern lost to Indiana State 9-1 last season in Terre Haute, Ind. The Panthers lead the all-time series 42-26.

“We’re really excited,” said Eastern head Kim Schuette in a press release. “I hope we get to play and

that the weather and field conditions hold out. Once again it will be fun to go up against my alma mater. It seems like every game between us and (Indiana State) are always good, competitive games. We have established a nice rivalry with them.”

The Panthers beat the Sycamores 4-1 in 2007 and lost to the Sycamores 9-8 in 2006.

The Sycamores (3-2) have not played since Feb. 15.

They were supposed to play at Eastern Kentucky's Tournament, but that tournament was canceled.

Men's tennis plays at Bradley

The Eastern men's tennis team plays Bradley at noon today in Peoria.

The Panthers (5-4) is 1-2 in its last three matches.

The match against the Braves (5-4) is at the Clubs at River City in Peoria.

Both teams have lost to Northern Illinois and Saint Louis.

Baseball travels on the road

The Eastern baseball team participates in its first mid-week game of the season.

The Panthers (3-2) will play Southern Illinois Carbondale at 2 p.m. at Abe Martin Field in Carbondale.

The Panthers went 5-6 last year in mid-week games and went 4-19 on the road last season.

Southern Illinois pitcher senior David Kington will start against the Panthers.

“In order to have the type of year we have talked about we have to win these games,” Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz told Eastern sports information. “If we put together some wins then people will be talking about us

not just because of last year.”

The Salukis (3-6) defeated Tennessee Martin 5-4 on Monday.

Schmitz said Eastern sophomore pitcher Mike Recchia will start the game, and Eastern junior pitcher Josh Wilson and Eastern red-shirt freshman pitcher Mike Martin will also be a part of the mix today.

Southern Illinois is coached by Dan Callahan, who was Eastern's head coach from 1989-94.

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ALL ACCESS WITH MADELINE KISH

Freshman guard is finding role with Panthers

Freshman guard Madeline Kish is just like any other freshman, dealing with the adjustments of college life and being away from family. She has embraced the new atmosphere, saying that Lantz Arena has become her favorite building on campus. Staff Reporter Richard Morse sat down with Kish in Lantz Arena to discuss the differences on and off the court, and how much she misses her family.

What are some adjustments you've made this season?

Being on my own and not having my parents here to do anything I need for me. Having a roommate in a small room, (and) having to cram two people in there. Classes are a lot different. It's not like you have every subject everyday. Some you have twice, some three times. I like it though. I think I've adjusted pretty well. I like it all.

How does it feel to be a freshman at Eastern?

I have to do my own laundry. I make sure I do my own homework. I don't have my parents telling me I need to get stuff done. I need to make sure I stay on top of things. All the freedoms of college life, I take advantage of them. It's a four-year thing, you don't get to enjoy it forever. It's only my first year, and I think I've done pretty good at it.

What are other adjustments you've made this season?

I think the speed of the game is so much different. (Eastern head coach Brady Sallee) always says to me and other freshmen that you're not guarding the short (slow) kids you did in high school. It's a lot different. Everybody has done really good in their high schools so every college team is composed of a bunch of really good athletes. It's adjusting to that. In high school, everybody had a few really good players on their team and then a bunch who did it for a social event. So just the speed of the game has been a big adjustment.

How have your goals changed this season?

I came in as a 3-point shooter. It was a part of our team that our coach wanted to build on. I came in to shoot and it's what he looks at me to do and one thing I've tried to do all year; I don't really have the biggest role yet, I'm not looked at to change things. And I'm OK with that. I know that when I go out there, I need to try my hardest and hit some (3-pointers) because that's what he needs me to do.

How comfortable are you shooting from long range?

I'd rather shoot a 3-pointer than anything inside. It's something that I've worked on really hard and because of that – it's just become very comfortable. When I play. I just don't think about it. It just comes naturally.

What is it like playing at Lantz Arena?

I love it. We have a lot of fans and the atmosphere is hyped up. It makes everything bigger and a lot better and a lot more fun. Everyone gets so pumped up it helps us so much. We have a lot of fans a big group of people at every game and it helps us so much.

What was it like to win the IHSA 3-point shootaround?

It just builds confidence. It was a fun postseason thing. Our team had lost pretty early that year. So I could



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern freshman guard Madeline Kish misses her family, but has found another family with the Eastern women's basketball team this season. Kish also likes to eat in Stevenson Hall and was once punched in the nose during a basketball game when she was in the eighth grade.

concentrate on shooting. After that I worked on it a lot and ended up winning. It was really just a big confidence boost.

What would you do if you weren't playing?

I would still be in college. I might have actually still come here. Either here or (at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) because (it is) close to home. I'd probably be an intramural junkie. I would just play every intramural sport and be

involved in a lot of things because I love to be involved.

Is there one quote you try to live you life by?

'You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take.' In (the Amateur Athletic Union), my coach would always say you need to shoot because when I was younger, I would miss one shot and it would upset me, and I just wouldn't shoot. So they used to tell me to keep shooting, because you miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take.

What is the one thing you miss most about home?

My family. My friends I have here, I have a lot of things to keep me busy. But the one thing I miss most is my family. My extended family all live really close, so you can see them whenever you want to, I'm two-and-a-half, three hours away now.

What is your favorite place to eat on campus?

I'm going to go with Stevenson (Hall) for breakfast because it's so close,

and it's never bad.

What is a crazy thing that has happened on the court?

I've gotten punched, straight up punched right in the face. She literally looked at me and BAM punched me in the face. I was in eighth grade, and the ref didn't call a foul. I was like 'Ref, she just punched me in the face' and then he called a foul. I was just so shocked.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NO. 2 EASTERN 71, NO. 7 TENNESSEE TECH 65

Team completes first phase

Panthers outlast
Golden Eagles; head
to Nashville, Tenn.

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

By virtue of its 71-65 victory against Tennessee Tech Tuesday night, the Eastern women's basketball team's immediate goal of gaining a return trip to Nashville, Tenn., was successful.

But the scrappy Golden Eagles made them earn it.

The Panthers saw a 16-point lead dwindle to one with 3 minutes, 47 seconds remaining, led by the hot shooting of Tech senior guards Blair Bowens and Meagan Lyons.

But in the end the Panthers were right where they expected to be at this point of the season – in the semifinals of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament – where they will meet third-seeded Tennessee State Friday at 2 p.m. in Nashville.

"I give Tech a lot of credit," Eastern head coach Brady Saltee said. "They've got three seniors who have had really nice careers. They didn't want it to end, and they played like it."

After the Golden Eagles (9-21) pulled within one, Eastern senior forward Rachel Galligan answered with a layup to extend the lead to three. Following a Tech turnover, senior guard Lindsey Klumpers was left open on the wing for a game-clinching 3-pointer with 2:20 remaining.

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Eastern senior forward Rachel Galligan posts up against Tennessee Tech on Tuesday night at Lantz Arena. The Panthers won 71-65 against the Golden Eagles in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament

MEN'S BASKETBALL | NO. 2 AUSTIN PEAY 57,
NO. 7 EASTERN 54

Parrish, Panthers just a shot away

Team gives Gavs
all they can handle

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

Eastern senior forward Billy Parrish's final shot gave Austin Peay a scare on Tuesday night in Clarksville, Tenn.

Parrish had an open 3-pointer from the top of the key with nine seconds left in the game, but after the ball struck the rim two times – it trickled out.

Austin Peay was able to get the rebound and make free throws to seal the first round Ohio Valley Conference Tournament victory against Eastern 57-54.

"From where I was, I thought it was dropping in, but it went out to the side," Eastern head basketball coach Mike Miller said in a post game radio interview with WEIU 88.9 FM. "That's just one of those things. We played the way we wanted to play everything short of that

basket."

The Gavs scored the games final four points, ending Eastern's season after the Panthers had maintained the lead for most of the game.

The Governors, a No. 2 seed in the league tournament, took their first second-half lead with 2 minutes, 26 seconds remaining in the game on a jumper from Gavs red-shirt freshman forward Marcel Williams.

Eastern Junior guard Romain Martin was fouled on a lay up with 1:50 remaining and his two free throws gave Eastern a 54-53 lead.

The Gavs responded with a free throw from senior forward Drake Reed and two free throws by senior guard Kyle Duncan to take the lead by two. The Panthers led by as many as 10 in the first half after Eastern sophomore center Matt Dorlack's lay up capped off an 8-3 run dating back to the first half to give the Panthers a 40-30 lead.

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Eastern junior guard T.J. Marion drives against his defenders Feb. 18 at Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost 57-54 against Austin Peay Tuesday night.

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